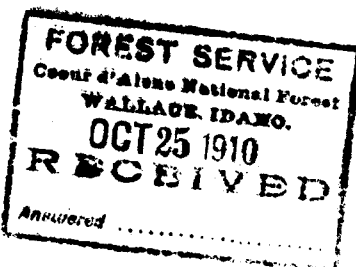


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
DISTRICT 1



HAMMOND BLOCK
MISSOULA, MONTANA

October 24, 1910.

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District - Fire

Forest Supervisors:

In requesting a deficiency appropriation from Congress this winter to cover the expenditures of fire fighting during the past season, it is necessary that the Service be prepared to furnish the Congressional Committee with specific information as to the conditions which caused the incurring of such a large deficit. It is also of great importance that complete information be available to present to the Appropriation Committee, showing the conditions which led to the disastrous fires of the past summer and the measures necessary to properly equip the Forests to meet similar emergencies in the future. I am sure that you realize fully the necessity for giving the Congressional Committee the fullest possible understanding of the conditions under which we are endeavoring to protect the National Forests. This information must be furnished immediately since the Committee on Deficiency Appropriations will meet early in December. I will ask you, therefore, to send me not later than November 10 a report covering the data requested on the attached outline. This report is distinct from your regular annual Fire Report which should also be submitted at the regular time when due. Please give

Forest Supervisors

the preparation of the immediate report needed very careful attention since it is of the utmost importance that we be fully prepared to give the Congressional Committee all of the information which they may desire, not only in providing for the present deficit but also for the future administration and protection of the Forests in this District.

Very truly yours,


District Forester.

Enclosure.